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SUBJECT: LOCKHEED AFFAIRS: GENERAL REY'S DEFENSE

1. SPANISH PRESS MARCH 18 REPORTED ELEMENTS OF GENERAL LUIS REY'S DEFENSE PRESENTED BEFORE SPANISH SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE IN LOCKHEED AFFAIRS PROCEEDINGS AGAINST GENERAL REY, ONE OF TWO MILITARY OFFICERS ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING LOCKHEED PAYOFFS WERE FILED MARCH 8. UNDER ARTICLE 198 OF PENAL CODE AND ARTICLE 391 NUMBER 2, OF CODE OF MILITARY JUSTICE.

2. REY'S DEFENSE LAWYER JOSE GIL ROBLES, CLAIMED THREE "DEFECTS IN PROSECUTION CASE. LACK OF PRECISE CHARGES: ABSENCE OF LOGICAL CONNECTION BETWEEN THE IMPUTED ACTS AND GENERAL REY'S ACTIVITIES: AND ERROR OF JUDICIAL QUALIFICATIONS. WITH REGARD REPORT OF DOLLAR ACCOUNT IN SWISS BANK THROUGH WHICH LOCKHEED PAYMENTS ALLEGEDLY MADE, REY'S DEFENSE POINTS OUT THAT CHARGES DO NOT INCLUDE NAME OF SWISS BANK, WHO WAS AUTHORIZED TO TRANSACT BUSINESS WITH ACCOUNT (ALLEGATION THAT ACCOUNT WAS NUMBERED), DATED AND METHOD OF EXCHANGES INTO PESETAS, BENEFICIARY OF TRANSACTIONS AND DESTINATION OF MONEY. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT CHARGES INCLUDE ALLEGATION THAT TOTAL OF 105 MILLION PESETAS (ABOUT \$1.54 MILLION LOCKHEED PAYOFFS MADE, BUT ONLY 36 MILLION PESETAS WENT TO GENERAL

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REY AND COLONEL GRANDAL. REY'S DEFENSE RAISES INTERESTING QUESTION OF WHERE BALANCE OF 69 MILLION PESETAS WENT.

3. WITH REGARD SECOND DEFENSE POINT, REY CLAIMS THAT BENEFITS HE DERIVED FROM LOCKHEED SALES CAME FROM STOCK HELD IN SPANISH FIRM, AVIONICA, NOT FROM HIS ROLE IN AIR MINISTRY. IN FACT, ALTHOUGH HE ADMITTED ENCOURAGING PURCHASES OF LOCKHEED CIVIL AIRCRAFT

REY CLAIMS HE "CAREFULLY ABSENTED HIMSELF FROM MIXING IN MILITARY SALES" AND NEVER SENT REPORTS TO MINISTRY OF ARMY ON LOCKHEED AIRPLANES.

4. REY'S DEFENSE QUESTIONS COMPETENCE OF SUPREME COUNCIL OF MILITARY JUSTICE ON GROUND THAT POSITIONS HELD BY GENERAL HAD NOT RELATION TO SPANISH MILITARY PURCHASES, INCLUDING LOCKHEED BUYS SINCE ROLE AS AVIONICA STOCKHOLDER COMPLETELY SEPARATE FROM MILITARY PROFESSION, REY CLAIMS HE COULD NOT HAVE PROVIDED CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION TO SUPPORT SALES. HENCE, DEFENSE ASKS THAT CASE BE THROWN OUT, AND FURTHER THAT REY BE RELEASED FROM PRESENT STATUS OF RESTRICTION TO QUARTERS.

5. COMMENT: SPANISH PRESS HAS GIVEN SCANT ATTENTION LATELY TO LOCKHEED CASE, FOCUSING INSTEAD UPON UNFOLDING REVELATIONS WITH REGARD BOEING OVERSEAS PAYOFFS. CONFLICTING REPORTS HAVE APPEARED IN PRESS AS TO WHETHER SPAIN REQUESTED JUSTICE DEPARTMENT MATERIALS RELEVANT TO BOEING PAYOFFS IN SPAIN. BUT IN ANY CASE IBERIA SPOKESMAN HAS DENIED ANY MISDEEDS IN CONNECTION PURCHASE OF BOEING AIRCRAFT. AS COURTMARTIALS OF GENERAL REY AND COLONEL GRANDAL UNFOLD. HOWEVER LOCKHEED CASE WILL GET SPOTLIGHT AGAIN ESPECIALLY IF DEFENSE CAN ESTABLISH THAT MISSING 69 MILLION PESETAS WENT TO HIGHER LEVELS OF SPANISH GOVERNMENT. ONE LATER PRESS ARTICLE REPORTS THAT MILITARY COURT HAS REJECTED REY'S DEFENSE AND CONFIRMED PROCESS AGAINST BOTH REY AND GRANDAL. EATON

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